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MEMORANDUM

TO: Laura Swan, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

FROM: Ashley Maher
Office Manager

DATE: November 22, 2022

RE: Concerns Re: Crosswalk at Park Ave and Oakland Ave

The Select Board at the meeting of November 21, 2022, referred the attached to you for your review and recommendations back to the Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

attachment

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Subject: Precinct 16 Community Meeting - Cross Walk Issues

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Len Diggins, Chair,

Last night precinct 16 held a very productive community meeting. Topics included transportation safety, tree removal, solar power, housing, Town communications with residents and more. Others may contact the SelectBoard with other concerns discussed.

I write now to bring to your attention the real danger for people, especially Middle School children from Precinct 16 going back and forth to Ottoson. The crosswalk is at the corner of Park Ave and Oakland Ave, right outside my house. So I see the problems and hear the screech of brakes.

I'm sure there are better solutions, but for now I'd like to suggest the following:

1. Buckets and flags mounted on either side of Park Ave at that intersection.
 2. The moveable "form" alerting drivers to slow down.
- Drivers approach on this hill where visibility, because of the hill, is not always clear.

Other concerns on traffic safety:

- Suggestion for a rotary at Appleton & Wachusetts
- Suggestion for a big X painted on the street near Paul Revere Rd and Park Ave that says "DON'T BLOCK THE BOX"

On behalf of my Precinct 16 neighbors and fellow TMMS, I would appreciate your consideration on these concerns.

Thanks,
Barbara Thornton

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